being the correct thought, it helps to clarify the matter with reference to the new name.

27 Jehovah has made it plain that he will have a people for his name at the present time who will show forth his praises, and who will refuse to compromise with any part of Satan's organization, and who will refuse to give honor and high esteem to any creature. Such people must be his witnesses and his representatives on the earth. These are chosen, not because they are by nature better than others, but because they constantly resist everything that is anti-God and anti-kingdom. Not only do they resist, but they take a positive and unequivocal stand on the side of Jehovah and his kingdom. They aggressively press the battle against Satan, his false teachers, and false doctrines, and they refuse to make any compromise with Satan or his organization, and refuse to ask or to give any quarter. They are not mere recipients of the assaults of the enemy, but they take the aggressive and press the battle to the gate. (Isa. 28:5, 6) Jesus said to his faithful disciples: "I have overcome the world." (John 16:33) Surely the remnant must be overcomers of the world, and this they must do by showing complete fidelity and devotion unto God and to his kingdom. Therefore overcoming should not be limited to the victory over death and the elevation of the creature to immortal glory. At least a part of it must be done while on the earth. It is these overcomers of Satan's organization whom God makes his representatives on the earth, giving to such class his vote, as pictured by the white stone, and therefore giving to them the right to the new name, and making them a part of his official organization, and his representatives on the earth.

HIS WITNESSES

28 In summing up this matter let these texts be considered, to wit: John 18:37, which shows that the primary purpose of the coming of Jesus to the earth was to be a witness to the truth. Also Jesus Christ is named "The Amen [of God], the faithful and true witness". (Rev. 3:14) Also his promise to the overcomers is: "I will write upon [you] my new name." (Rev. 3:12) Furthermore, Jehovah declares his purpose to take out "a people for his name" and that that people, after being so taken out, must show forth the praises of Jehovah God. (Acts 15:14; 1 Pet. 2:9, 10) In the following texts Jehovah God speaks to his 'elect servant, in whom my soul delighteth' (and this we know is Christ Jesus), and to which Servant is added those who go to make up the "faithful and wise servant" class upon the coming of the Lord to the temple. To the servant the commission is delivered to give the testimony of Jesus Christ, and this must be done. (Isa. 42:1, 6, 7; Matt. 24:14; Rev. 12:17) Furthermore, Jehovah commands his servant class to be a light unto the nations of the earth. (Isa. 42:6) Also the faithful servant class constitutes "the feet" of Christ Jesus, or last members on earth, who publish peace, tell of the day of deliverance, declare the day of the vengeance of our God, and comfort those that mourn. (Isa. 52:7; 61:1, 2) Furthermore, it is the remnant class to whom God says: "In that day shall the Lord of hosts be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, unto the residue of his people, and for a spirit of judgment to him that sitteth in judgment, and for strength to them that turn the battle to the gate." (Isa. 28:5, 6) The remnant class is made a part of Zion, which is God's organization. To this class the Lord God says: "Thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name." (Isa. 62:2) These texts prove that when Christ Jesus appears at the temple of Jehovah and finds such faithful ones he makes them a part of his organization and invites them to enter into the joy of the Lord and to participate in the vindication of Jehovah's name; and that such are the only ones commissioned to represent Jehovah and to deliver his message, and that these are Jehovah's witnesses and Jehovah names them.

29 But if more proof texts were needed a positive and conclusive one is furnished, and such corroborates all others above cited and is found in Isaiah 43:8-12. Many persons claim to be servants of Jehovah God; but there is one Servant whom Jehovah chooses and names, and the identity of such is proven by what they who compose the Servant do. This class comes to the front at the time when Jehovah will have a positive, clear-cut and emphatic witness given in the earth, and which is the present time. Jehovah commands saying: "Bring forth the blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears." (Isa. 43:8) The time has come for notice to be served upon the rulers and the ruled. Therefore says Jehovah: "Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled; who among them can declare this, and shew us former things? let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified; or let them hear, and say, It is truth."—Isa. 43:9.

30 In other words, let each class prove their claim that they represent the Lord and justify themselves, or else let the ones failing so to do admit that they are wrong and that the testimony by God's witnesses is true. Then to the remnant or faithful servant class Jehovah gives a plain and positive name which is the new name, and it is the same name which he gave to Christ Jesus, 'The Amen, the true and the faithful witness.' To the remnant who must deliver the testimony of Jesus Christ and who must make known that Jehovah is the only true God, the Most High, Jehovah says: "Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen; that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he; before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even I, am the Lord; and beside me there is no saviour. I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when there was no strange god among you;

therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, that I am God."

31 As faithful servants of God and followers of Christ Jesus we will continue to use the instruments the Lord has placed in our hands. Among these instruments are *The Watch Tower*, the corporations the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, the International Bible Students Association, and the Peoples Pulpit Association; and these are used only as instruments to prepare and publish a proclamation or message. We refuse, however, to bear the name of a corporation or to bear the name of any man. By the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and of our heavenly Father we joyfully receive and bear the name which the mouth of Jehovah God has named and given to us, to wit, Jehovah's witnesses. Henceforth may it be known that we are Jehovah's witnesses; and by his grace we will be his true and faithful witnesses and bear the message of his great name to the nations of the earth. Satan has reproached the name of Jehovah, and all the instruments of Satan do likewise reproach his name. Such reproaches that reproach Jehovah God have fallen upon Christ Jesus and upon his faithful body members, and happy are those of the remnant who now have some part in bearing those reproaches and in being in the thick of the war against Satan. *Happy are they that can take a name that nobody under the sun wants except those who are wholly and unreservedly devoted to Jehovah.* Only the faithful and zealous witnesses who are wholly devoted to God and his kingdom delight to bear the name Jehovah's witnesses. Let others take any name they may desire; but as for the remnant, gladly do we bear the name Jehovah's witnesses that we may have some part in the vindication of his great name.

QUESTIONS FOR BEREAN STUDY

¶ 1. Account for Jehovah's emphasizing the fact that he would "take out a people for his name".

¶ 2. Show whether the apostle's exhortation in the third chapter of First Corinthians has been heeded by those who have claimed to be followers of Christ.

¶ 3, 4. Describe the situation which now necessitates positive identification of the true witnesses of Jehovah.

¶ 5, 6. How does the fulfilment of Isaiah 65: 13, 14 make clearly manifest who are truly the servants of the Lord God?

¶ 7-9. To whom are the words of verse 15 spoken? How shall they 'leave their name for a curse unto the Lord's chosen'? How does 2 Thessalonians 2: 8 serve to corroborate the statement here that "the Lord God shall slay thee"? Why will the Lord take this drastic action against the "evil servant" class?

¶ 10. Apply Isaiah 62: 1, 2.

¶ 11, 12. What is the particularly pernicious effect of the attitude and activities of the "evil servant", or "man of sin"? Why will the Lord clearly reveal that class before destroying them?

¶ 13. Compare the circumstances necessitating the identification of Mordecai and Esther as Judeans with the position of God's true people at this time.

¶ 14, 15. By comparison of scriptures, show that the new name conferred upon the temple class will clearly identify them as the faithful and true witnesses of God.

¶ 16-18. Point out the correspondency between the Urim used by the high priest and the "white stone" which the Lord gives "to him that overcometh".

¶ 19-21. Compare the position of those who understand the meaning of Jehovah's name and have received the "white stone" with that of those who do not have such enlightenment and approval. What is the evidence that the latter class do not understand and cannot appreciate the title 'that faithful servant', the word "remnant", or the name "servant"?

¶ 22. Why is this promised name called a "new" name?

¶ 23, 24. Give reasons for concluding that the promises contained in the scriptures cited or quoted in paragraph 23 have at least a partial fulfilment to the remnant while on the earth.

¶ 25-27. Just what is required of one who would receive Jehovah's approval as an "overcomer"?

¶ 28. Point out how the Scriptures foretold that upon Christ Jesus' appearing at the temple of Jehovah those then found faithful would be approved and that they would be commissioned and named as the witnesses of Jehovah.

¶ 29, 30. Apply Isaiah 43: 9. Quote Jehovah's words in which he approves the "faithful servant" class as his 'chosen servant' and gives them their new name.

¶ 31. How will the new name by its specific meaning clearly distinguish his true servants from the professed people of God? What are the instruments which Jehovah has provided for his witnesses to enable them to deliver his message? How will Jehovah's witnesses prove their appreciation of this new name which he has given them?

BY ONE MAN'S DISOBEDIENCE

ADAM, as the prince of the earth, resided in Eden. Adam was perfect, and his home was perfect. It will not do to say that he was only partially perfect, and that he had at that time no opportunity to develop a character, and therefore his character was imperfect.

It is written in Deuteronomy 32: 4 that 'all the works of Jehovah are perfect'. It was impossible for Adam to develop a character, because God made him a character. Every creature of intelligence is a character. He does not possess a character.

Orthodox teachers fell into the great error of teaching that man has a soul; whereas the Scriptures clearly teach that man is a soul. They also fell into a like error by teaching that man has a character; whereas the Scriptures teach that man is a character. If Adam had to develop a character, then he was not perfect when he was put to the test; whereas the Scriptures declare he was perfect. He was endowed with the faculties of justice, wisdom, love and power. That did not mean that he possessed all knowledge. The Scriptures show that the highest of God's creation will continue to acquire knowledge in all the ages to come.

Of this we read in Psalm 27: 4, "One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple."